# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
# LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:557
ANSWERED ON:03.05.2002
ANTYODAYA SCHEME
ARUN KUMAR

**Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Union Government have failed to supply foodgrains to the Below Poverty Line families as per the norms;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the poorer amongst poor are not lifting their grains from the PDS under Antyodaya Scheme due to weak purchasing power;

(d) the stock of foodgrains as on March 31, 2002, commodity-wise; and

(e) the annual expenditure on maintaining these stocks of foodgrains?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION ( SHRI SHANTA KUMAR )

(a),(b),(c),(d)&(e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a),(b),(c),(d)&(e) OF STARRED QUESTION NO.557 FOR ANSWER ON 03-05-2002 IN THE LOK SABHA.

(a)&(b): The Government of India is making allocation of foodgrains for BPL families(including Antyodaya families) under the Targeted Public Distribution System as per norms.

The Targeted Public Distribution System is operated under the joint responsibility of the Central and State Governments.Whereas the Central Government is responsible for procuring, storing and transporting the PDS commodities upto the Central godowns and making them available to the States/UTs, the actual distribution of these commodities through the network of Fair Price Shops is the responsibility of the State Governments/ UT Governments. The offtake of wheat and rice under BPL category (including Antyodaya) during 2001-2002 was 44.37 lakh tonnes and 65.49 lakh tonnes respectively as against 36.63 lakh tonnes of wheat and 58.93 lakh tonnes of rice during 2000-2001.

(c): The offtake of foodgrains under the Antyodaya Anna Yojana during 2001-2002 was 79.66% of the allocation in respect of rice and 65.73% of the allocation in respect of wheat.

(d)&(e): The total stocks of foodgrains in the Central Pool (held by the FCI and State Agencies) as on 31.3.2002 were as follows:-

(In lakh tonnes)

| Commodity | Stocks(Provisional) |
|---|---|
| Rice | 249.12 |
| Wheat | 260.39 |
| Coarse grains | 0.72 |
| Total | 510.23 |

The estimated cost of maintaining the buffer and operational stocks of foodgrains held by the FCI during the year 2001-2002 was Rs.9015 crores.